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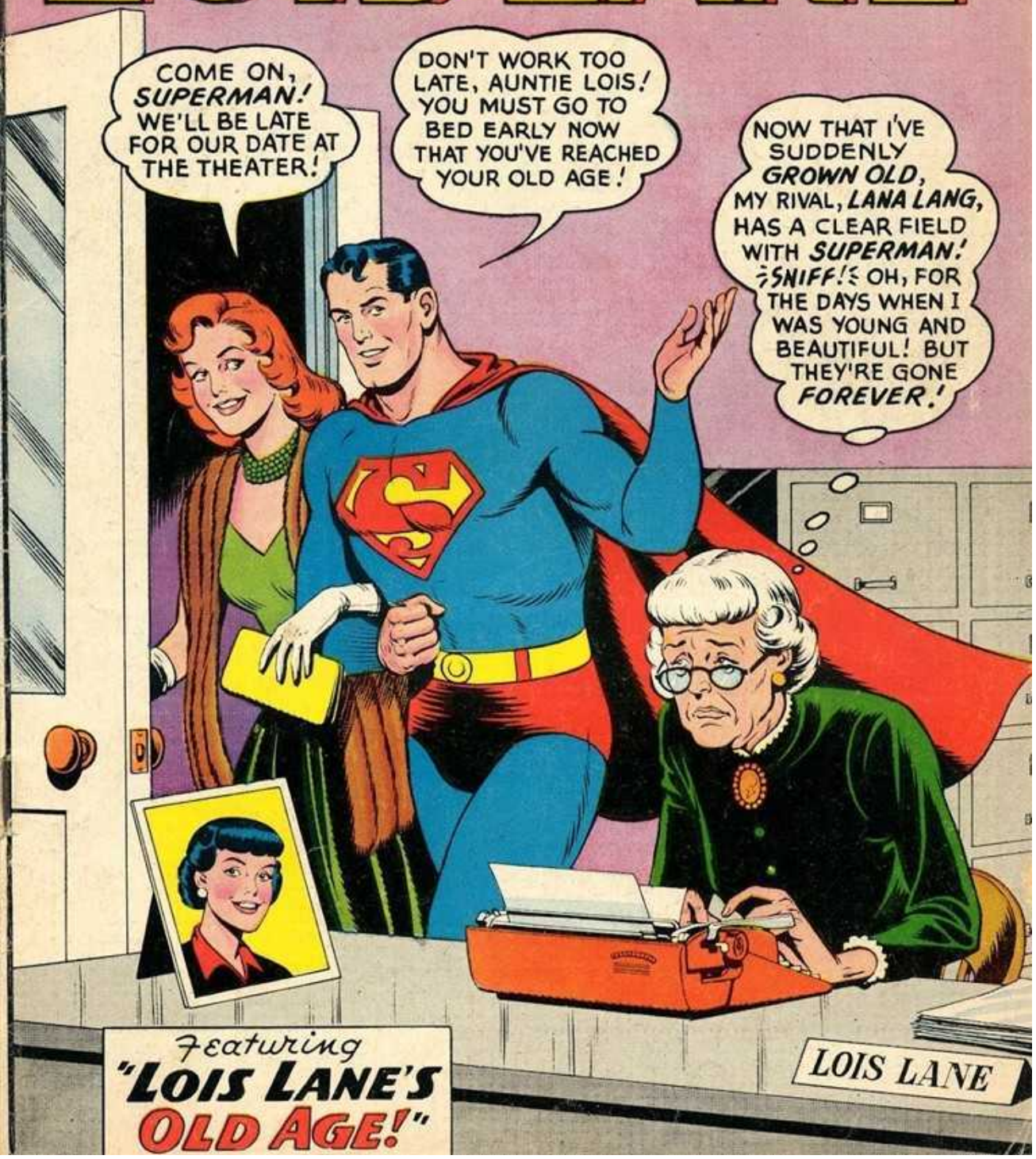
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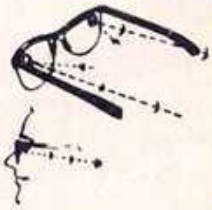

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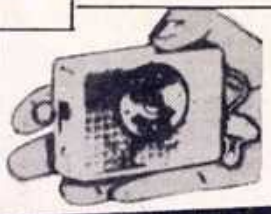

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SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIEND LOIS LANE

FOR YEARS OUR READERS HAVE FOLLOWED THE EXCITING ADVENTURES OF THE GALLANT GIRL REPORTER, LOIS LANE. SPARKLING WITH BEAUTY AND VITALITY, OUR LOIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN A PICTURE OF VIBRANT YOUTH. THEN ONE DAY, BY A GHASTLY QUIRK OF DESTINY, LOIS IS TURNED INTO A DODDERING OLD WOMAN WITH ONE FOOT IN THE GRAVE! YOU CAN READ ALL ABOUT IT IN THE HEARTBREAKING STORY WE CALL...

Lois Lane, HAG!

REMEMBER, AUNTIE LOIS, YOU PROMISED TO GO TO BED EARLY! YOU MUST TAKE CARE OF YOUR HEALTH NOW THAT YOU'VE REACHED YOUR OLD AGE!

COME ON, **SUPERMAN!** WE'LL BE LATE FOR OUR DATE AT THE THEATER!

CHOKE!...GOOD NIGHT, CHILDREN! HAVE A GOOD TIME!

NOW THAT I'VE **GROWN OLD,** MY RIVAL, LANA LANG, HAS A CLEAR FIELD WITH **SUPERMAN!** SNIFF! OH, FOR THE DAYS WHEN I WAS YOUNG AND BEAUTIFUL! BUT THEY'RE GONE **FOREVER!**

ONE DAY, IN **METROPOLIS,** AS REPORTER LOIS LANE FOLLOWS UP AN ANONYMOUS PHONE TIP AND CALLS ON A FORMER OPERA STAR...

YES, IT'S TRUE, MISS LANE! I INTEND TO RESUME MY OPERATIC CAREER! ONCE AGAIN THEY WILL CHEER THE NAME OF **MADAM MIMI!**

SAME OLD STORY! AGING PRIMA DONNA TRYING FOR A COMEBACK! OH, WELL, I'LL GET SOME HUMAN INTEREST STUFF PHOTOGRAPHING HER AMONG HER SOUVENIRS!

METROPOLI OPERA HOUS PRESENTS MADAM MIMI IN CARMEN

BUT AS LOIS AIMS HER CAMERA...

NO, NO! NO PHOTOGRAPHS, MISS LANE! NOT UNTIL I BECOME YOUNG AND BEAUTIFUL AGAIN!

YOUNG AND BEAUTIFUL?!

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YES, MISS LANE! BEAUTY AND YOUTH WILL BE MINE AGAIN! DR. SHARPE IS GIVING ME HIS FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH TREATMENT TODAY! YOU MAY COME ALONG IF YOU LIKE!
THIS I'VE GOT TO SEE!
SHE'S DAFFY! BUT I'LL GO ALONG WITH HER! THERE COULD BE A STORY IN IT!
SOON...
HERE WE ARE, MY DEAR! THE TREATMENT DOESN'T TAKE LONG! WAIT OUT HERE AND YOU'LL SEE ME EMERGE WITH MY YOUTH RESTORED!
I'LL BE WAITING!
"YOUTH, INCORPORATED"? I WONDER WHAT KIND OF A RACKET THIS IS!
YOUTH, INCORPORATED DR. LUCAS SHARPE PRES.
TAXI
BUT PRESENTLY, AS A LITHE FIGURE EMERGES...
MISS LANE! I'M SO GLAD YOU WAITED! JUST LOOK AT ME! ISN'T IT MARVELOUS? I FEEL SO ALIVE! SO VIBRANT! SO YOUNG!
MADAM MIMI! GASP! YOU'RE WEARING THE SAME DRESS! THE SAME JEWELS! AND YET YOU LOOK THIRTY YEARS YOUNGER! BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
IMPOSSIBLE? JUST WAIT TILL YOU HEAR WHAT THAT FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH SERUM DID FOR MY VOICE! LISTEN! LA-LA-LA-LAHHHH!
GOOD GRIEF! HER VOICE IS SO STRONG IT'S VIBRATIONS SHATTERED THOSE EMPTY MILK BOTTLES!
CRACK
KLINK
SOON... AND NOW GOODBYE, MISS LANE! REMEMBER, I'LL EXPECT TO SEE YOU BACKSTAGE THE NIGHT I MAKE MY COME-BACK!
I'LL BE THERE, MADAME MIMI!
THEY SAY SEEING IS BELIEVING! BUT... THIS IS TOO MUCH!
BUT SECONDS LATER, ON A NEARBY VACANT LOT...
HEY, MISTER! CATCH THAT FOOTBALL!
I... I'LL T-TRY, SON!
OOOF!
THE POOR OLD FELLOW! THAT FOOTBALL KNOCKED HIM OFF HIS FEET! I'LL HELP HIM UP!

AS LOIS AIDS THE ELDERLY MAN...
THANKS, MISS! MY NAME IS "ROCKY" RHODES! I KNOW YOU WON'T BELIEVE IT, BUT FORTY YEARS AGO I WAS AN ALL AMERICAN FOOTBALL PLAYER!
"ROCKY" RHODES! OF COURSE I'VE HEARD OF YOU! EVERYONE KNOWS OF YOUR FAMOUS CAREER!
AND MY CAREER ISN'T OVER YET! I'VE GOT AN APPOINTMENT WITH DR. SHARPE OF YOUTH, INCORPORATED! HE'S PROMISED TO MAKE A NEW MAN OF ME WITH HIS FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH SERUM!
GREAT DAY! I DON'T KNOW WHAT GOES ON IN THAT PLACE, BUT ONLY A MIRACLE COULD EVER MAKE THAT OLD CODGER YOUNG AGAIN!
LUCAS SHARPE PRES.
BUT THE MIRACLE HAPPENS! FOR SOON AFTERWARD...
THE SUIT! THE HAT! THE CANE! EVERYTHING'S THE SAME! BUT WHAT I'M THINKING CAN'T BE TRUE!
THE VERY SAME, MY DEAR GIRL! BUT AFTER DR. SHARPE'S TREATMENT I'M RESTORED TO THE PRIME OF LIFE! LET ME DEMONSTRATE!
EXCUSE ME, SIR, BUT ARE YOU THE FAMOUS "ROCKY" RHODES?
BORROWING A FOOTBALL, "ROCKY" PROVES HIS PROWESS...
WOWW! LOOK AT THAT PUNT! 70 YARDS, AT LEAST!
SEE! I TELL YOU THAT DR. SHARPE IS A MIRACLE MAN!
OOOOH!
PLUNK!
I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE IT! THIS FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH BIT IS EITHER A GAG OR SOME KIND OF CROOKED DEAL! IF I WEREN'T DUE BACK AT THE PLANET, I'D CHECK INTO IT RIGHT NOW!
BUT WHEN LOIS HANDS IN HER STORY...
PERRY, THIS IS A BIG EXPOSÉ! I'LL BET THAT YOUTH, INCORPORATED OUTFIT IS A PHONEY SET-UP! LET'S WARN OUR READERS ABOUT THEM!
SORRY, LOIS, BUT I CAN'T PRINT YOUR STORY! IF I RUN IT, WE'LL HAVE A MILLION-DOLLAR LIBEL SUIT ON OUR HANDS!
HMM... WHAT IF DR. SHARPE REALLY DID DISCOVER A WAY TO REJUVENATE PEOPLE? SIGH... WHAT I WOULDN'T GIVE TO REGAIN MY YOUTH!
FROM THAT GLEAM IN PERRY'S EYE, IT LOOKS AS IF HE FELL FOR THAT FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH BIT HOOK, LINE AND SINKER! I THINK I'VE GOT A WAY TO FIND OUT IT IT'S ALL A RACKET!

THE NEXT DAY, AS LOIS DONS A DISGUISE...

WITH THIS OLD LADY'S MASK AND THESE OLD-FASHIONED CLOTHES I'LL LOOK LIKE A PERFECT CUSTOMER FOR DR. SHARPE'S YOUTH SERUM! AS AN EXTRA TOUCH, I'LL WEAR THAT **HEARING AID!**

SOON, WHEN LOIS ARRIVES AT YOUTH, INC...

I'M TALKING AS LOUD AS I CAN, MADAM! IF YOU HAVE NO APPOINTMENT, YOU'LL HAVE TO SIT WITH THE OTHERS THERE IN THE GARDEN! DR. SHARPE WILL BE HERE SOON!

THANK YOU, MY DEAR! HMM... THIS PLACE IS JAMMED WITH OLD FOLKS WHO WANT A YOUTH TREATMENT! I GUESS THEY GOT PLENTY OF PUBLICITY FROM THE OTHER NEWSPAPERS!

PRESENTLY, AS DR. SHARPE IS INTRODUCED...

YES, MY FRIENDS, AFTER YEARS OF EXPERIMENTING, I DISCOVERED A SERUM WHICH CAUSES **OLD AGE!** IT'S IN THIS BOTTLE, AND I CALL IT... **DECREPITIN!** OF COURSE, IT'S **WORTHLESS,** BECAUSE NO ONE WANTS TO BE **OLD!**

EFFECTS OF DECREPITIN

BALDNESS
WRINKLES
WEAK VISION
LOSS OF TEETH
DEAFNESS

THEN, DUE TO A SCIENTIFIC BREAK-THROUGH, I DISCOVERED **VIGORAL**... THE SERUM WE USE IN OUR **FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH!** ONE TREATMENT WITH THIS AMAZING LIQUID RESTORES YOU TO THE PRIME OF LIFE!

EFFECTS OF VIGORAL

SMOOTH SKIN
VIGOROUS HAIR
SOUND TEETH
STRONG MUSCLES

BUT JUST THEN, A QUESTION FROM THE AUDIENCE...

DOCTOR, I'M PERRY WHITE, EDITOR OF THE **DAILY PLANET!** HOW ABOUT DEMONSTRATING YOUR TREATMENT BY MAKING ME YOUNG AGAIN?

I'M SORRY, MR. WHITE, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT! JUST LEAVE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS WITH THE NURSE, TOGETHER WITH A $1,000 DEPOSIT... AND WE'LL CALL YOU!

GULP! IT'S MY BOSS, PERRY WHITE!

BUT AS ALWAYS, PERRY WHITE IS A MAN OF ACTION, AND...

I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THE SALES TALK! I'M GOING TO TAKE A DIP IN THAT FOUNTAIN AND SEE IF IT REALLY WORKS!

HALT! STOP THAT MAN! DON'T LET HIM OVER THE WALL!

BUT SHORTLY, TO LOIS' AMAZEMENT...
GREAT CAESAR'S GHOST! IT WORKS, FOLKS! THAT FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH TOOK THIRTY YEARS OFF MY AGE! DOC, I'LL MAIL YOU MY CHECK TONIGHT!
;GASP!; ... PERRY... HE'S CHANGED! HE'S YOUNG! ROBUST! AND... YET I STILL FEEL THERE'S SOMETHING VERY FISHY ABOUT THAT FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH!

YES, IN SPITE OF PERRY'S STARTLING CHANGE, LOIS REMAINS SKEPTICAL...
I'LL SIGN UP FOR A TREATMENT!
HERE'S MY MONEY!
MINE, TOO!
NOW, MORE THAN EVER, I'M SURE THIS IS A SWINDLE! THIS HEARING AID IS REALLY A CAMERA! I'LL GET EVIDENCE OF DR. SHARPE TAKING MONEY FOR HIS FAKE YOUTH TREATMENT!
CLICK CLICK

THE CROWD LEAVES, BUT AS LOIS TRIES TO FOLLOW, STRONG HANDS CLUTCH AT HER...
JUST A MINUTE, GRANDMA! LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT THAT GADGET YOU'RE WEARING! IF THAT'S A HEARING AID, I'M THE KING OF SIAM!
GET YOUR HANDS OFF ME, YOU BIG APE, OR I'LL...

SEEMING SECONDS LATER, AS LOIS COMES TO...

ABOUT THIS DECREPITIN THAT ACCIDENTALLY SPILLED ON YOU WHEN YOU FELL, MADAM! I'M AFRAID I HAVE BAD NEWS!
IT'S BAD NEWS ALL RIGHT, DR. SHARPE... BAD NEWS FOR YOU! I'M LOIS LANE OF THE PLANET! I'M ON TO YOUR CROOKED SCHEME! THAT DECREPITIN IS A FAKE, JUST LIKE YOUR YOUTH TREATMENT!

THIS GREY HAIR... THESE WRINKLES... THEY'RE JUST A RUBBER MASK!
ULP! MY FACE! MY REAL FACE! ;CHOKE!; I LOOK EVEN OLDER THAN BEFORE!
BUT AS LOIS STARES AT HER REFLECTION IN THE POOL OF THE SPILLED DECREPITIN...

DR. SHARPE, YOU WERE RIGHT! THAT DECREPITIN TURNED ME INTO AN OLD HAG! YOU'VE GOT TO HELP ME! YOU'VE GOT TO GIVE ME THAT YOUTH TREATMENT... AT ONCE!
I'M SORRY, MISS LANE! BUT IT WOULDN'T WORK! THERE IS NO ANTIDOTE FOR THE CONCENTRATED DECREPITIN THAT AFFECTED YOU! IT'S HOPELESS!

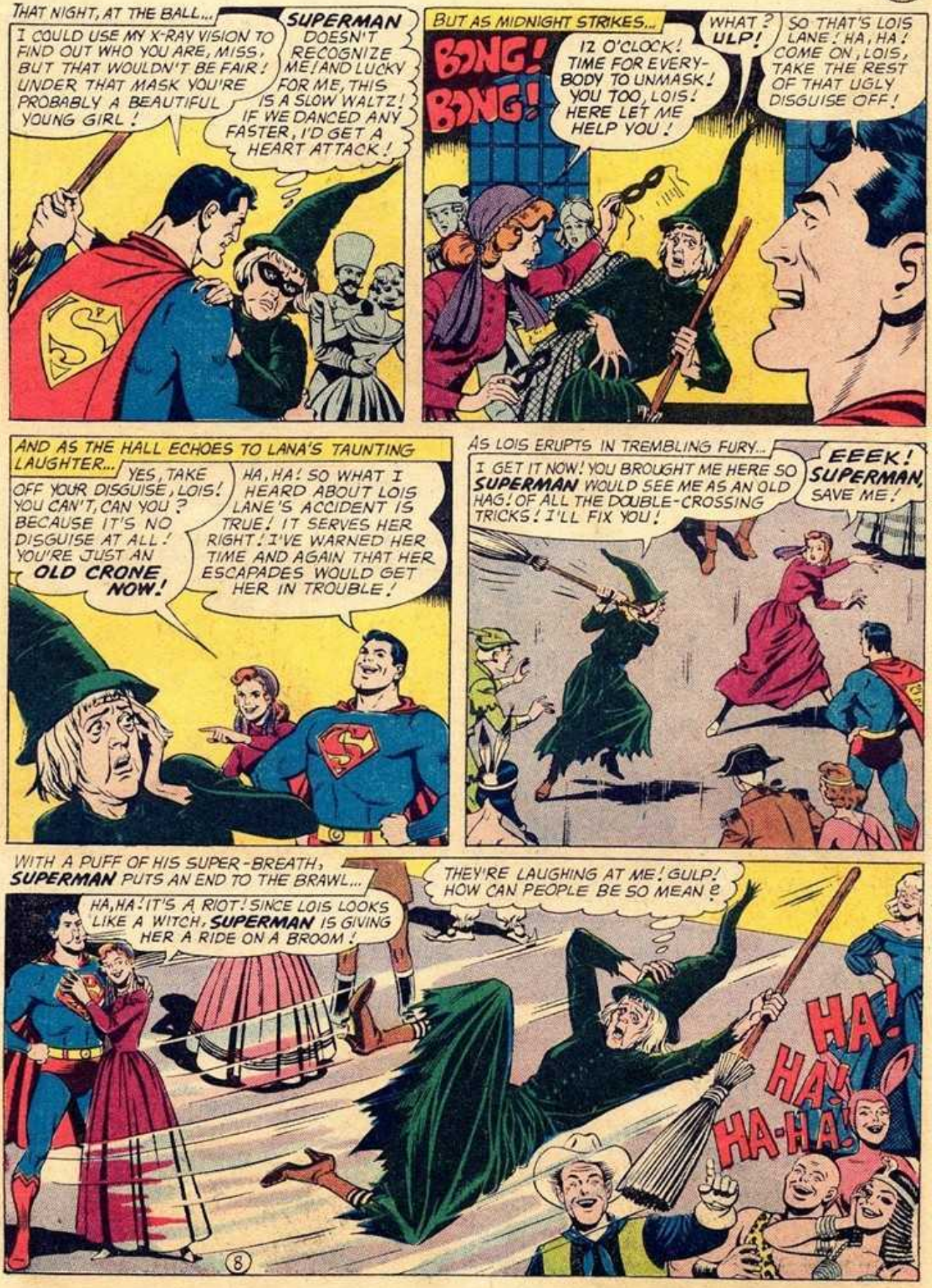
PRESENTLY, WHEN LOIS RETURNS TO THE PLANET OFFICE...
WHAT IRONY! PERRY HAS TURNED INTO A SPRIGHTLY YOUNG MAN, WHILE I BECAME AN OLD FOSSIL!... HMM... SOMEONE LEFT THIS PAIL AND MOP AT MY DESK! I'LL HAVE TO MOVE IT AWAY SO I CAN GET TO WORK!
PERRY WHITE
LOIS LANE

BUT JUST THEN...
OH, YOU MUST BE THE NEW CLEANING WOMAN WE'VE BEEN EXPECTING! HOW ABOUT MOPPING UP MY OFFICE FIRST?
PERRY! DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE ME? ;CHOKE; I'M NOT THE CLEANING WOMAN! IT'S ME, LOIS LANE, YOUR STAR REPORTER!

LOIS! IT IS YOU! DR. SHARPE PHONED ME ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED! BUT I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS THIS BAD! HERE! SIT DOWN! THAT IS, IF YOU HAVE THE STRENGTH TO WORK!
THANKS, BOSS! I... I'LL MANAGE!
I HOPE!

BUT AS LOIS STRUGGLES TO GET OUT HER STORY...
ISN'T THAT STORY FINISHED YET? GREAT CAESAR'S GHOST! SNAP IT UP, LOIS!
GULP! I'M SORRY, PERRY, BUT OLD AGE IS AFFECTING MY SIGHT! I CAN HARDLY SEE WHAT I'M WRITING! BESIDES, I'VE GOT RHEUMATISM IN MY FINGERS!

WELL, I'LL GIVE YOU AN ASSIGNMENT THAT'S RIGHT DOWN YOUR ALLEY, FOR OLD TIME'S SAKE!
ULP! A SUPERMAN DAY CELEBRATION AT THE OLD FOLKS' HOME! THEY'RE GIVING HIM A GIFT FOR RAISING MONEY TO BUILD A NEW WING!
OKAY, PERRY!
BUT LATER, AS LOIS ARRIVES AT THE HOME...
YOU'RE NEW HERE, AREN'T YOU, MY DEAR? I'M SURE YOU'LL LIKE IT HERE AT THE HOME!
ER... THANK YOU! I'M JUST HERE FOR A VISIT!
:CHOKE: ...I KNOW THESE OLD FOLKS MEAN TO BE KIND, BUT THEY'RE BREAKING MY HEART BY REMINDING ME HOW OLD I LOOK!
SUDDENLY...
HERE COMES SUPERMAN! GOOD GRIEF! I CAN'T BEAR TO LET HIM SEE ME LIKE THIS! I'LL JOIN THESE OLD LADIES AT THEIR SEWING!
GLAD TO HAVE YOU HELP US, DEAR! WE'RE SEWING A GIFT FOR SUPERMAN, YOU KNOW!
AS THE GIFT IS PRESENTED TO SUPERMAN...
A SUPERMAN BANNER FOR ME? HOW CAN I THANK YOU? I'LL KISS THIS KINDLY OLD LADY FOR ALL OF YOU!
HE DOESN'T RECOGNIZE ME AS LOIS LANE! I'M JUST AN OLD LADY TO HIM NOW! :SOB!: I NEVER THOUGHT A KISS FROM SUPERMAN WOULD MAKE ME CRY LIKE THIS!
THAT NIGHT, IN HER ROOM, LOIS IS VISITED BY HER FRIEND, LANA LANG, THE TV REPORTER...
LOIS, I HEARD ABOUT YOUR MISFORTUNE! YOU CAN'T SIT AROUND FEELING SORRY FOR YOURSELF! HOW ABOUT COMING TO THE CHARITY COSTUME BALL BEING GIVEN BY MY TV STATION TONIGHT?
ME AT A BALL WHEN I LOOK LIKE THIS? LANA, YOU MUST BE JOKING! SUPPOSE SUPERMAN RECOGNIZED ME! I'D JUST DIE!
BUT LOIS, YOU'LL BE WEARING A MASK! SUPERMAN WOULDN'T KNOW YOU! YOU CAN GO AS AN OLD WITCH! AND IF IT WILL MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER, I'LL DRESS AS WHISTLER'S MOTHER, LIKE IN THAT PICTURE!
ALL RIGHT, LANA, I'LL GO!
LANA HAS ALWAYS BEEN MY RIVAL FOR SUPERMAN'S AFFECTIONS! HOW WONDERFUL TO KNOW SHE WON'T TAKE UNFAIR ADVANTAGE OF MY OLD AGE TO WIN HIM FROM ME!


THAT NIGHT, AT THE BALL...
I COULD USE MY X-RAY VISION TO FIND OUT WHO YOU ARE, MISS, BUT THAT WOULDN'T BE FAIR! UNDER THAT MASK YOU'RE PROBABLY A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG GIRL!
SUPERMAN DOESN'T RECOGNIZE ME! AND LUCKY FOR ME, THIS IS A SLOW WALTZ! IF WE DANCED ANY FASTER, I'D GET A HEART ATTACK!
BUT AS MIDNIGHT STRIKES...
BONG! BONG!
12 O'CLOCK! TIME FOR EVERYBODY TO UNMASK! YOU TOO, LOIS! HERE LET ME HELP YOU!
WHAT? ULP!
SO THAT'S LOIS LANE! HA, HA! COME ON, LOIS, TAKE THE REST OF THAT UGLY DISGUISE OFF!
AND AS THE HALL ECHOES TO LANA'S TAUNTING LAUGHTER...
YES, TAKE OFF YOUR DISGUISE, LOIS! YOU CAN'T, CAN YOU? BECAUSE IT'S NO DISGUISE AT ALL! YOU'RE JUST AN OLD CRONE NOW!
HA, HA! SO WHAT I HEARD ABOUT LOIS LANE'S ACCIDENT IS TRUE! IT SERVES HER RIGHT! I'VE WARNED HER TIME AND AGAIN THAT HER ESCAPADES WOULD GET HER IN TROUBLE!
AS LOIS ERUPTS IN TREMBLING FURY...
I GET IT NOW! YOU BROUGHT ME HERE SO SUPERMAN WOULD SEE ME AS AN OLD HAG! OF ALL THE DOUBLE-CROSSING TRICKS! I'LL FIX YOU!
EEEK! SUPERMAN, SAVE ME!
WITH A PUFF OF HIS SUPER-BREATH, SUPERMAN PUTS AN END TO THE BRAWL...
HA, HA! IT'S A RIOT! SINCE LOIS LOOKS LIKE A WITCH, SUPERMAN IS GIVING HER A RIDE ON A BROOM!
THEY'RE LAUGHING AT ME! GULP! HOW CAN PEOPLE BE SO MEAN?
HA! HA! HA-HA!

AS THE HALL ROCKS WITH MERRIMENT, LOIS LEAVES, HEARTBROKEN...
EVEN SUPERMAN LAUGHED AT ME...TAUNTED ME! SOB! HE'S THE ONE MAN I TRULY LOVED! HOW COULD HE BE SO CRUEL? THE BEAST!
HA-HA HAW!

IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW, LOIS SECLUDES HERSELF IN HER APARTMENT, BUT WHEN HER SISTER LUCY RETURNS FROM ABROAD...
LOIS, I'M SORRY ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU, BUT I CAN'T TELL MY BOY FRIENDS THAT YOU'RE MY SISTER! THEY'LL THINK I'M AS OLD AS METHUSELAH! YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO LEAVE!
SNIFF!
ALL RIGHT, LUCY, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT!

AND SO POOR LOIS STUMBLES OUT INTO THE STORM-SWEPT NIGHT...
WHAT A TRAGIC FATE! OLD, DECREPIT, ONE FOOT IN THE GRAVE! AND NOW EVEN MY SISTER DISOWNS ME! CHOKE! MAYBE THEY'LL TAKE ME IN AT THE OLD FOLK'S HOME!

IN THE DRIVING RAIN, POOR TREMBLING LOIS FAILS TO NOTICE SHE IS APPROACHING A BRIDGE, AND...
I FEEL WEAK...TOO OLD TO GO ON! MY HEAD'S SPINNING!...GOING TO FALL!

I'M SINKING... GOING DOWN... DOWN! HAVEN'T THE STRENGTH TO SWIM...GLUB! GLUB! PERHAPS IT'S BETTER THIS WAY!
SPLASH

BUT SUDDENLY, INCREDIBLY, LOIS FINDS HERSELF IN STRANGE SURROUNDINGS...
CHOKE! GASP! BLUB! WHERE AM I? PERRY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? AND YOU'VE LOST YOUR YOUTH AGAIN!
RELAX, LOIS! YOU WERE KNOCKED OUT WHEN YOU STRUGGLED AGAINST SHARPE AND HIS GANG! I FOUND YOU UNCONSCIOUS! I USED THE WATER FROM THIS FAKE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH TO REVIVE YOU!

SO IT WAS ALL A NIGHTMARE! THANK GOODNESS! I KNEW THAT FOUNTAIN WAS A FAKE! WHEN I SAW YOU COME OUT OF IT, YOU WERE SMOKING A FRESH CIGAR! IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN WET, LIKE YOUR CLOTHES!
YOU'RE RIGHT, LOIS! THE YOUNG MAN YOU SAW WASN'T ME AT ALL!

"WHEN I CLIMBED OVER THE WALL AND PLUNGED INTO THE FOUNTAIN, SHARPE'S HOODLUMS GRABBED ME!"
WE'VE GOT TO WORK FAST, MEN! WE MUST CONVINCE THOSE SUCKERS OUTSIDE THAT THE FOUNTAIN GAVE PERRY WHITE BACK HIS YOUTH! MITCH, YOU'RE HIS SIZE! PUT ON HIS CLOTHES FAST!

THEY TIED ME UP, BUT I MANAGED TO LOOSEN MY ROPES AND PHONED OLSEN TO CALL SUPERMAN! HE ROUNDED UP THE ENTIRE GANG!
THERE'S ONE THING I DON'T UNDERSTAND! HOW DID SHARPE REJUVENATE THAT OLD OPERA STAR, MADAM MIMI, AND THAT FOOTBALL HERO, "ROCKY" RHODES?

"ROCKY" AND MADAM MIMI WERE CROOKED ACTORS HIRED TO GET PUBLICITY AND BRING IN THE SUCKERS! THEY WORE RUBBER MASKS TO MAKE THEM LOOK OLD! THAT FOUNTAIN WAS A COMPLETE SWINDLE!
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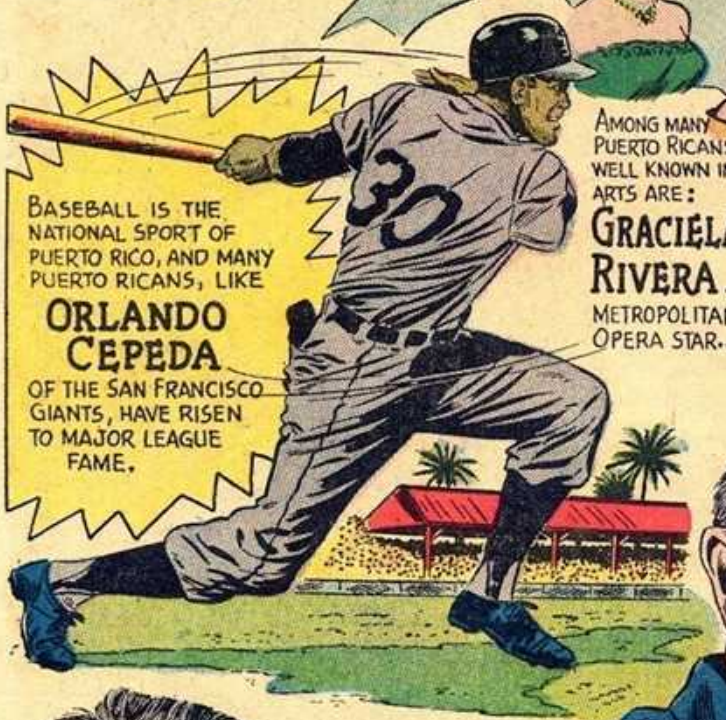

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Lois Lane, FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT!

AND I LOVE... **SUPERMAN!**... HOW DID I EVER GET INTO THIS? MUST I SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE NURSING A BROKEN HEART BECAUSE OF A WEDDING CEREMONY I DON'T REMEMBER!?

I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW HAPPY I AM THAT YOU'VE BECOME MY BRIDE, LOIS! MANY WOMEN HAVE LONGED FOR THE HONORS THAT WILL NOW BE YOURS AS MY DUCHESS, BUT NONE OF THEM HAS CAPTURED MY LOVE AS YOU HAVE! I LOVE YOU, AND **YOU** ALONE!

ONE DAY, AS LOIS LANE STEPS OFF A JET IN THE SMALL EUROPEAN KINGDOM OF **BROZNA**...

AN AMERICAN, EH? SORRY, MADAM! ONLY AMERICAN FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS ARE ALLOWED THROUGH THIS GATE!

I **AM** A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT! LOOK AT MY PASSPORT!

I'M LOIS LANE, A REPORTER FROM **METROPOLIS**! I WAS ASSIGNED TO DO A STORY ON YOUR COUNTRY'S FAMOUS WAX MUSEUM EXHIBIT OF **CRIMINALS AND HEROES!**

MAY YOU ENJOY YOUR STAY HERE, MISS LANE!

Lois Lane

PRESENTLY, AT THE WAX MUSEUM...
HALL OF CRIMINALS
WHAT A COLLECTION OF VILLAINS! I'LL PHOTOGRAPH SOME OF THE WAX FIGURES TO ILLUSTRATE MY ARTICLE!...ONE GOOD THING ABOUT VISITING BROZNA IS THAT IT WILL TAKE MY MIND OFF MY HOPELESS "ROMANCE" WITH SUPERMAN!
THE MAD ARCHER
THE PHANTOM BOMBER
?WHY IS HIS FACE BLANK?!
A MASTER OF DISGUISE, HE WAS KNOWN AS "THE MAN OF 1,000 FACES"! WHEN BROZNA WAS OCCUPIED BY THE ENEMY DURING WORLD WAR II, HE BETRAYED HUNDREDS OF UNDERGROUND FIGHTERS TO THE NAZI HANGMAN'S NOOSE!... NO ONE EVER SAW HIS REAL FACE!
THE HANGMAN OF BROZNA
ELSEWHERE IN THE MUSEUM...
HALL OF HEROES
SUPERMAN IS AMONG OUR HEROES BECAUSE HE ONCE SAVED OUR COUNTRY FROM AN EARTHQUAKE'S RAVAGES!
OH, NO! I CAN'T GET AWAY FROM SUPERMAN, EVEN HERE!
MASKED PATRIOT
SUPERMAN
AS LOIS EMERGES FROM THE MUSEUM...
MISS LANE, I'VE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO GIVE YOU THIS INVITATION TO AN EMBASSY BALL BEING HELD TONIGHT! WILL YOU COME?
I'LL BE HAPPY TO!
THAT EVENING...
WHO IS THAT HANDSOME, DISTINGUISHED-APPEARING MAN, AMBASSADOR?
HE IS DUKE RINALDO D'LASLO...THE RICHEST MOST ELIGIBLE BACHELOR IN ALL BROZNA!

MISS LOIS LANE... ALLOW ME TO PRESENT DUKE RINALDO D'LASLO...
MAY I HAVE THE HONOR OF THIS DANCE?
DELIGHTED!
OUT OF ALL THE GIRLS HERE... HE CHOSE ME!

AS THE DUKE DANCES WITH LOIS AGAIN AND AGAIN...
I NEVER THOUGHT AN AMERICAN GIRL REPORTER COULD BE SO ENCHANTING! THERE'S A CERTAIN MAGIC ABOUT YOU!
RINALDO SEEMS TO HAVE FALLEN IN LOVE AT LAST...!

SUDDENLY...
GO OUT ON THE TERRACE, EVERYONE! IT'S ALMOST 7 O'CLOCK! SOON IT WILL BE...TIME!
TIME FOR WHAT?
YOU'LL SEE!

SHORTLY...
HELLO, LOIS!
WHOOSH!
ONCE A MONTH, ON THIS DAY, AT EXACTLY 7 O'CLOCK, SUPERMAN'S PATROL OF THE WORLD TAKES HIM OVER BROZNA!
A TOAST TO SUPERMAN!

BRAVO, SUPERMAN!
HOW IRONIC! I ACCEPTED THIS ASSIGNMENT TO GET AWAY FROM HIM, YET HE KEEPS TURNING UP, IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER!

PRESENTLY, AS THE DUKE DRIVES LOIS TOWARD HER HOTEL...
THEY HAVE MONORAIL TRANSPORTATION HERE IN BROZNA!
WHY HAVE WE STOPPED?
YOU'LL SEE! COME!

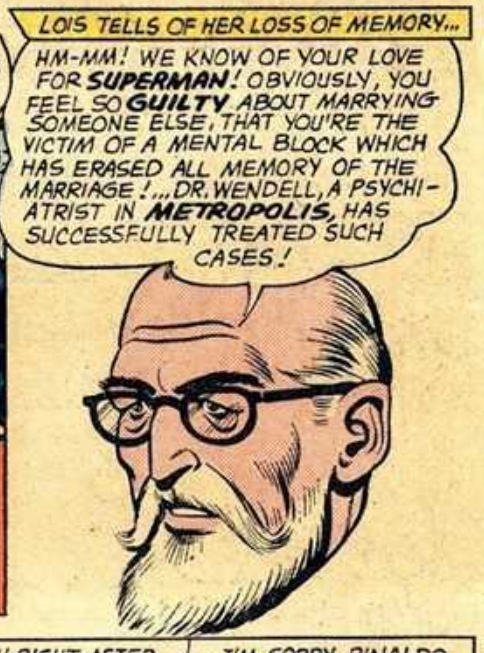
AS THEY ENTER THE NEARBY CHURCH, LOIS MEETS THE PASTOR...
IT'S JUST BEAUTIFUL HERE, PASTOR!
YOU MAY SHOW OUR VISITOR FROM AMERICA AROUND, WHILE I ATTEND TO SOME DUTIES...
I'LL NEVER FORGET THE TRANQUILITY OF THIS HOUSE OF WORSHIP!
BOTH MY MOTHER AND GRAND-MOTHER WERE MARRIED HERE! THIS FAMILY HEIRLOOM WAS THEIR WEDDING RING! I WANT YOU TO WEAR IT NEXT!
MARRY ME, LOIS! THOUGH WE HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER ONLY A SHORT WHILE, THIS ISN'T JUST... INFATUATION! I ADORE YOU!
MAYBE I SHOULD FORGET MY HOPELESS PURSUIT OF SUPERMAN!
THIS IS SO SUDDEN, RINALDO! I... NEED TIME TO THINK...!
ABRUPTLY...
?ULP!? I FEEL... DIZZY! MAYBE IT'S DUE TO THE EXCITEMENT OF HAVING A DUKE PROPOSE!... OH-HHH! I'M BLACKING OUT...
PRESENTLY, WHEN LOIS REGAINS HER SENSES...
CONDUCTOR--HELP! DON'T MIND ME! ASSIST MY WIFE!
??--I'M NO LONGER IN CHURCH! WH-WHAT ARE WE DOING AT A MONORAIL ACCIDENT??? RINALDO REFERRED TO ME AS HIS WIFE!!
THAT'S MY CASTLE NEARBY! PLEASE TAKE ME... OH... MY LEG!!
MAYBE IT'S BROKEN!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND ANY OF THIS--?GASP!?--ON MY FINGER... RINALDO'S HEIRLOOM WEDDING RING!

SOON...
CARRY HIM INTO THE MASTER BEDROOM!
THIS IS L-LIKE A NIGHTMARE! APPARENTLY I'M MARRIED TO RINALDO, BUT... I D-DON'T RECALL THE CEREMONY OR WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THAT!!

SHORTLY, AS A DOCTOR IS SUMMONED...
WAIT HERE WHILE I EXAMINE THE DUKE!
THAT PAPER IN A POCKET OF RINALDO'S JACKET LOOKS LIKE SOME SORT OF LEGAL DOCUMENT! MAYBE IT'S OUR MARRIAGE LICENSE... I MUST READ THAT PAPER!

IT IS A WEDDING LICENSE ...AND THAT'S MY SIGNATURE, ALL RIGHT! I AM MARRIED TO RINALDO! BUT WHY HAS MY MEMORY GONE BLANK??

PRESENTLY, AS THE DOCTOR RETURNS...
YOUR HUSBAND WILL HAVE TO USE A WHEELCHAIR FOR SEVERAL MONTHS WHILE HIS INJURED LEG MENDS! HE'S USING THE WHEEL-CHAIR LEFT HERE BY HIS AILING AUNT WHO VISITED HIM RECENTLY!
DOCTOR, YOU'VE GOT TO HELP ME!


LOIS TELLS OF HER LOSS OF MEMORY...
HM-MM! WE KNOW OF YOUR LOVE FOR SUPERMAN! OBVIOUSLY, YOU FEEL SO GUILTY ABOUT MARRYING SOMEONE ELSE, THAT YOU'RE THE VICTIM OF A MENTAL BLOCK WHICH HAS ERASED ALL MEMORY OF THE MARRIAGE!... DR. WENDELL, A PSYCHIATRIST IN METROPOLIS, HAS SUCCESSFULLY TREATED SUCH CASES!

AFTER THE DOCTOR LEAVES...
WHAT A PITY! A RAIL DEFECT CAUSED THE MONORAIL ACCIDENT TO HAPPEN, MY DEAR... JUST AS WE WERE LEAVING ON OUR HONEYMOON!
RINALDO... I DON'T REMEMBER THE WEDDING CEREMONY! I ONLY RECALL TELLING YOU I WANTED MORE TIME TO THINK OVER YOUR PROPOSAL...

THINK BACK! RIGHT AFTER YOU SAID THAT, YOU DECIDED TO MARRY ME, AND THE VILLAGE PASTOR PERFORMED THE CEREMONY!
I'M SORRY, RINALDO, BUT UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, I THINK IT'S BEST WE HAVE THE MARRIAGE ANNULLED...

;CHOKE!--YOUR HAPPINESS...COMES FIRST! PLEASE REMAIN HERE IN THE CASTLE TONIGHT...WHILE I STAY IN A COTTAGE ON THE ESTATE! TOMORROW, WE'LL ARRANGE AN ANNULLMENT...
HE LOOKS...CRUSHED! I FEEL SORRY FOR HIM, BUT I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE MARRIED!

AFTER RINALDO LEAVES, LOIS MAKES A TELEPHONE CALL...
I KNOW IT'S LATE, PASTOR, BUT COULD I SEE YOU RIGHT AWAY!
I WILL COME AT ONCE, DUCHESS!

A LITTLE LATER...
AGAIN LET ME WISH YOU AND THE DUKE THE GREATEST HAPPINESS! I WAS VERY PLEASED TO PERFORM THE CEREMONY...
THANK YOU, PASTOR! I AM SUFFERING FROM A MENTAL BLOCK! THIS CONFIRMS THE FACT THAT THE MARRIAGE DID TAKE PLACE!

HOURS LATER, AS LOIS IS AWAKENED BY A HOWLING DOG...
ARR-RROOOOOO
;GASP!;--THIS NOTE ON THE NIGHT-TABLE! ...OH, NO!
I don't want to live without your love, darling! By the time you read this, I will be dead! I am leaving everything to you in this, my last will and testament.
Your adoring husband, Rinaldo

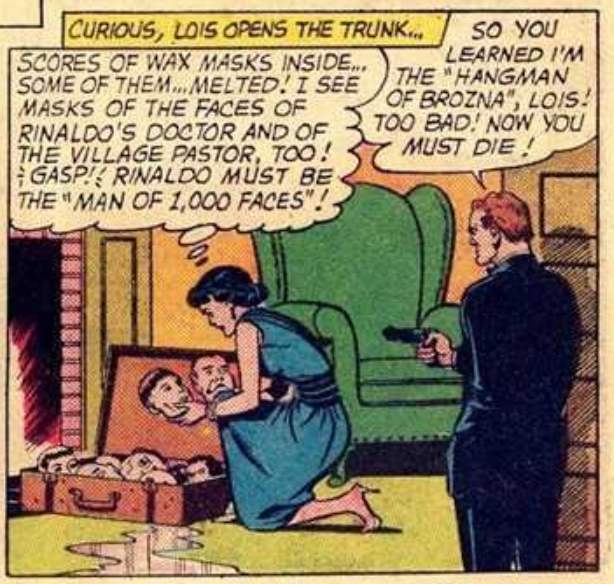
DESPERATELY, LOIS HURRIES TOWARDS THE NEARBY COTTAGE...
NO! DON'T THROW YOURSELF OFF THE CLIFF! YOU'RE SO GENEROUS...AND LOVING!--LISTEN! THE DOCTOR TOLD ME THERE'S A PSYCHIATRIST IN METROPOLIS WHO CAN CURE MY MENTAL BLOCK! WE'LL GO THERE TOGETHER!
DARLING, HOW CAN I EVER THANK YOU?

NEXT DAY, AS LOIS AND THE DUKE REACH METROPOLIS...
I'LL BUY AN ESTATE AT ONCE! I WANT TO MEET YOUR FRIENDS! PLEASE INVITE THEM TO A PARTY...
YES, RINALDO!

PRESENTLY, AT THE PARTY...
PERRY, JIMMY, LUCY, LANA AND CLARK ARE HERE! PRETENDING RINALDO HAS REPLACED SUPERMAN IS HEART-BREAKING!
THANKS FOR THE GIFTS, EVERYONE!

BUT AFTER HER FRIENDS LEAVE...
SOB! THEY M-MEANT WELL, BUT I HATE THESE WEDDING GIFTS! IT'S SUPERMAN I WANT... NOT THESE PRESENTS! I'LL BURN THEM!
SOB!

SUDDENLY...
THAT UNPACKED TRUNK... CLOSE TO THE FIREPLACE!-- WAX IS DRIPPING OUT OF IT! THE HEAT FROM THE FIRE HAS CAUSED SOMETHING INSIDE THE TRUNK TO MELT!


CURIOUS, LOIS OPENS THE TRUNK...
SCORES OF WAX MASKS INSIDE... SOME OF THEM... MELTED! I SEE MASKS OF THE FACES OF RINALDO'S DOCTOR AND OF THE VILLAGE PASTOR, TOO! GASP! RINALDO MUST BE THE "MAN OF 1,000 FACES"!
SO YOU LEARNED I'M THE "HANGMAN OF BROZNA", LOIS! TOO BAD! NOW YOU MUST DIE!

"YOU NEVER HAD AMNESIA! I DRUGGED YOUR DRINK AT THE EMBASSY BALL, AND AFTER YOU BLACKED OUT..."
FORGING LOIS' SIGNATURE ON A MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE, USING HER PASSPORT SIGNATURE AS A GUIDE, IS SIMPLE FOR A MAN OF MY TALENTS! MY NEXT STEP IS TO FAKE A MONORAIL ACCIDENT!

"THERE WAS NO WEDDING! I BRIBED THE CONDUCTOR OF THE MONORAIL, THEN PLACED YOUR UNCONSCIOUS BODY NEARBY SO THAT WHEN YOU REVIVED, YOU'D BELIEVE WE WERE BOTH VICTIMS OF AN ACCIDENT!"
HA, HA! THE LITTLE FOOL THINKS HER "HUSBAND", THE DUKE, IS RESTING ON HIS BED... NOT REALIZING THAT I AM HE, DISGUISED AS A DOCTOR! NOW TO TELL HER SHE HAS A MENTAL BLOCK WHICH CAN BE CURED BY A DOCTOR IN THE UNITED STATES!

"WHEN YOU TRIED TO PHONE THE PASTOR, I CUT IN ON AN EXTENSION PHONE AND IMITATED HIS VOICE..."
...COULD I SEE YOU RIGHT AWAY, PASTOR?
I WILL COME AT ONCE!
HA, HA! I'LL ARRIVE DISGUISED AS THE PASTOR! MY LIFE-LIKE WAX MASKS ARE SO PERFECT, I'VE EVEN FOOLED THE POLICE WITH THEM!
TO GAIN YOUR SYMPATHY, I PRETENDED SUICIDE! BUT I MADE MY DOG HOWL SO YOU'D WAKE UP AND STOP ME! I HOAXED YOU BECAUSE VENGEFUL MEMBERS OF THE UNDERGROUND WERE CLOSE TO LEARNING MY SECRET!
...AND SO YOU DUPED ME INTO THINKING I WAS YOUR BRIDE SO YOU COULD ENTER THE U.S. AS THE HUSBAND OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN!
BUT NOW, IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO DIE! I'LL SAY A BURGLAR SHOT YOU! AWP!... THAT BRIGHT LIGHT...
IRONICALLY, I'M USING HIS "WEDDING RING" TO DAZZLE HIS EYES WITH THE FIREPLACE'S REFLECTED LIGHT!
BANG
AS A FAMILIAR FORM FLASHES INTO VIEW...
SUPERMAN! THIS MAN IS A WANTED WAR CRIMINAL! SEE -- HE WAS WEARING A MASK ALL THE TIME!
LUCKILY FOR YOU, I WAS PATROLLING THIS AREA AND HEARD THE SHOT! I'LL TURN HIM OVER TO THE UNITED NATIONS TO STAND TRIAL!
AS SUPERMAN FLIES OFF...
HA! LOIS DOESN'T KNOW MY MICRO-SCOPIC VISION PENETRATED THE DUKE'S MASK WHEN I WAS AT HER PARTY AS CLARK! LATER, AS SUPERMAN, I MELTED SOME MASKS IN THE TRUNK WITH MY HEAT VISION SO SHE'D LEARN THE TRUTH! I KNEW SHE'D THINK THE FIREPLACE HEAT MADE THE WAX MELT!
MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE MANSION...
NOW TO PHONE THIS SCOOP TO THE PLANET!-- ;CHUCKLE;--I KNOW ONE PERSON WHO WON'T ENJOY IT--LANA LANG, NOW THAT I'M BACK IN THE RUNNING FOR THE LOVE OF SUPERMAN!!
The End

PEG
I HEAR YOU HAD A BIG FIGHT WITH ARTHUR!
-AND YOU GAVE IN TO HIM AND ADMITTED YOU WERE WRONG!
YES, JUNE.
HOW COULD YOU BE SUCH A JELLYFISH? IF ANY MAN SAID THOSE THINGS TO ME--I'D TELL HIM A THING OR TWO!
ME, TOO!
-BUT SATURDAY'S MY BIRTHDAY AND ARTHUR HAS A BEAUTIFUL PRESENT FOR ME. BUT JUST WAIT UNTIL SUNDAY--I'LL CERTAINLY GIVE HIM A PIECE OF MY MIND!
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Dear Editor: I think I spotted a mistake on the cover of the November issue of LOIS LANE. You show Lois thinking about marrying Superman and being showered with rice by all who attended the wedding ceremony. However, in this scene you show Lana Lang happy. Inasmuch as Lana is supposed to be very much in love with Superman, wouldn't she be heartbroken? Hence, she should have been sobbing instead of smiling. Right?

Steve Carter, Old Hickory, Tenn.

(You forget that Lana, in addition to her other virtues, is a good sport. Hence, she would not want to spoil Superman's great day by acting like a sore-loser. Instead, she would keep a stiff upper lip and grin.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Quite a few times you have stated that Professor Potter is Lana Lang's uncle. Yet, in LOIS LANE No. 35, in the story, "The Amazing Brain Machine", the professor addresses Lana as "Miss Lang". Why the formality? Has Professor Potter forgotten that Lana is his niece, or are they having a fight?

Evie Brotman, Encino, Calif.

(Come now. All our readers know that the eccentric Professor Potter is absent-minded and often has such lapses of memory.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: The cover of LOIS LANE No. 38, illustrating "The Girl Who Refused To Marry Superman", was one of the best Kurt Schaffenberger has ever drawn. As for which of the two girls, Lois or Lana, turned down Superman's proposal of marriage, I think it was Lana who rejected him. First of all, I think the dresses on the cover were a clue. Lana has often worn purple in the past, Lois has mostly favored red. Lana wouldn't wear that color red with her hair color. Also, consider the fact that Lana originally fell in love with Superboy, not Superman, and it probably was "puppy love." However, Lois has been in love with Superman all her adult life. So she seems the natural one to marry him.

Fred Bronson, Culver City, Calif.

(We have received hundreds of letters from readers, which put forth excellent reasons as to why they believed it was Lois or Lana who refused to marry Superman because he had lost his super-powers and become an ordinary man. The letters which follow are the most interesting thus far. See our comments at the end of this department.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I think Lana Lang was the loyal one —and that she wanted to marry the non-super Superman. I have several reasons. One, she is not always interested in other men, as Lois often is. (I can recall several stories where Lois was tempted to marry some romantic super-hero she had met on another world, or in the past, or in Atlantis.) Two, Lana doesn't like Superman only because he is famous. Lois, it seems, does, as you established in a story, "The Reverse Super-Powers", in ACTION, March, 1961. I could think of hundreds of other traits Lana has that Lois doesn't, but they all wouldn't fit on a page.

Gregg Way, Seattle, Wash.

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Dear Editor: I think Lana Lang was the girl who wanted to marry Superman. After all, Lana has known Superman ever since they were kids together in Smallville. I think that Lois is just "another girl" in Superman's life.

John David, Menlo Park, Calif.

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Dear Editor: I'm sure that Lois Lane wanted to marry Superman. In past issues, Lois has always shown great respect and understanding for Superman. She has gone to great lengths and often made brave sacrifices to help the Man of Steel in various predicaments. I'm sure that she would choose him for a lifetime mate, even though he were "deaf, dumb and blind."

Jack Kirkness, Mystic, Conn.

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Dear Editor: I think it was Lana who said she would marry Superman. My reason is: on the 7th page of the story, last picture, you show Lana closest to the window and Lois next to her. On Page 8, the second picture, you show the window and Lana closest to the window saying she would marry Superman and Lois standing next to Lana saying she wouldn't marry Superman. (That is, if they didn't move around in the interim.)

Darrell Lehman, Wenatchee, Wash.

(As is obvious by the preceding comments, our readers seem to be equally divided as to which of the two girls accepted Superman's proposal. We will continue to publish the most convincing letters and then follow up all these "solutions" with a new story which will lift the veil of mystery from this problem . . . so that you will actually learn the TRUTH. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: So what's with the hair-do contest for LOIS LANE? When will you announce the names of the winners?

Madge Evans, Chicago, Ill.

(We had hoped to present the names of the winners in this issue, as we had promised. But the preceding letters purporting to guess which girl turned down Superman took priority. So bear with us, please, and we promise faithfully that the very next issue of LOIS LANE will at long last reveal the names of the hair-contest winners.—Ed.)

SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIEND

LOIS LANE

WE ALL KNOW THAT LOIS LANE AND LANA LANG ARE GREAT PALS, BUT EVERY TIME THEY ARE BOTH INTERESTED IN THE SAME MAN...WHETHER HE IS IN THE PRESENT, FUTURE OR PAST...THE TWO GIRLS FIGHT LIKE CATS AND DOGS! HOWEVER, ONE FANTASTIC DAY, LOIS TRAVELS BACK IN TIME AND FALLS IN LOVE WITH **ACHILLES!** AND WHO TRIES TO HELP HER WIN THIS MIGHTY GREEK HERO? WHY, IT'S NONE OTHER THAN...

The LANA LANG of 500 B.C.!

WE BOTH CARE FOR ACHILLES, THE GREATEST HERO IN GREECE! BUT I'M GOING TO STEP ASIDE AND HELP YOU WIN HIS HEART!

THIS DOESN'T MAKE SENSE! WHY SHOULD THE "LANA LANG" OF ANCIENT ATHENS WANT TO LET ME MARRY THE MAN SHE LOVES? WHAT CUNNING TRICK IS SHE PLAYING ON ME?

ONE DAY, IN **METROPOLIS,** AS LOIS LANE COVERS A NEW ASSIGNMENT...

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SHORTLY, INSIDE THE GREEK-STYLE RESTAURANT...

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ACHILLES APOLLO MERCURY

NEXT MOMENT...
LANA LANG! YOU HERE, TOO?
NATURALLY! PROFESSOR POTTER'S DISCOVERY IS BIG NEWS...AND I'M HANDLING THE TELECAST OF THE CEREMONY HONORING POTTER. LATER, I'LL COVER THE UNVEILING OF THE RARE RELICS HE UNEARTHED IN A RUIN NEAR ATHENS!
WMET TV

SUDDENLY, A DARING IDEA HITS LOIS...
NOBODY IS GUARDING THE EXHIBITION ROOM! IF I SNEAK INSIDE NOW AND TAKE SOME QUICK PHOTOS, I'LL SCOOP NOT ONLY LANA, BUT THE WIRE SERVICES, TOO!
PROFESSOR POTTER'S EXHIBITION OF ANCIENT GREEK HISTORICAL OBJECTS

SHORTLY, INSIDE THE EXHIBITION ROOM...
PROF. POTTER'S HISTORICAL FIND
POTTER UNEARTHED SOME TERRIFIC TREASURES! CIRCE'S WAND, MERCURY'S MAGIC SANDALS, JASON'S GOLDEN FLEECE... AND LOOK AT THOSE JEWELS HELEN OF TROY WORE! HMM... I MUST TRY THEM ON!
JASON'S GOLDEN FLEECE
AJAX'S SHIELD
ANCIENT GREEK TIME CAPSULE WHICH CONTAINED ALL THESE RELICS
TROJAN HORSE
MERCURY'S MAGIC SANDALS
CIRCE'S WAND
HELEN OF TROY'S ROYAL JEWELS

AFTER LOIS PUTS ON THE PRICELESS GEMS...
HMM... I JUST NOTICED THE INSCRIPTION UNDER CIRCE'S WAND! "WHOEVER WAVES THIS MAGIC WAND AND MAKES A WISH... LO! THAT WISH SHALL COME TO PASS!"
CIR

WHAT ROT! I DON'T BELIEVE THE MYTHOLOGICAL BUNK THAT CIRCE WAS A SORCERESS WHO COULD EVEN TURN MEN INTO SWINE! THIS IS JUST A PLAIN PIECE OF WOOD, AND I'LL PROVE IT! I'LL WAVE THE "WAND" AND WISH I WERE IN ANCIENT GREECE!

AMAZINGLY, AS LOIS FLOURISHES THE STICK...
GOOD HEAVENS! S-SOMETHING'S HAPPENING TO ME! I'M SPINNING DIZZILY THROUGH SPACE! I-I'VE FELT THIS SENSATION BEFORE...WHEN I WAS TRANSPORTED INTO THE PAST BY OTHER MEANS!
AN INSTANT LATER...
THOSE BUILDINGS! IT'S THE ACROPOLIS IN ATHENS! AND THESE PEOPLE... THEY'RE NOT FROM THE RESTAURANT. THEY'RE TALKING GREEK... YET I UNDERSTAND EVERY WORD! COULD THAT WAND REALLY HAVE HAD MAGICAL POWERS AND FULFILLED MY SILLY WISH?
THE WAND! CIRCE'S MAGIC WAND! IT'S GONE!... LOST EN ROUTE! GROAN! IF I AM IN THE PAST, I CAN'T USE IT TO TAKE ME BACK TO METROPOLIS!
PSSTT... AEGISTHUS! LOOK AT YONDER DAMSEL! DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?
AYE! A FORTUNE IN GEMS! LET'S STEAL THEM!
YOU! STRIP OFF THOSE JEWELS AND HAND THEM OVER OR WE'LL SLAY YOU!
THIEVES! TRYING TO STEAL HELEN'S JEWELS!
NO! YOU CAN'T HAVE THEM! HELP! HELP!
AS LOIS RUNS DOWN A NARROW STREET, AND A PASSERBY HEARS HER CRIES OF DISTRESS...
THAT GIRL TURNING AROUND... SHE'S A DOUBLE OF LANA LANG! GASP! WHAT IS THIS STRANGE COINCIDENCE THAT EVERY TIME I VISIT THE PAST I MEET SOMEONE WHO LOOKS LIKE MY RIVAL, LANA?
SHE'S OUT-STRIPPING US! USE YOUR ARROWS TO BRING HER DOWN BEFORE SHE REACHES THE CROWD AT THE ACROPOLIS!
AT THAT MOMENT, AS A CHARIOT APPROACHES...
ACHILLES! THOSE ROGUES WILL SLAY THAT PRETTY GIRL! SAVE HER!
SHE'S CALLING TO SOME PASSING WARRIOR TO HELP ME! BUT IT'S TOO LATE! ONCE THEY FIRE THEIR ARROWS, I'M DONE FOR!
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BUT SECONDS LATER, TO LOIS' ASTONISHMENT...
HE'S LEAPED BETWEEN ME AND THE ARROWS! BUT...? GASP! ...THE SHAFTS ARE BOUNCING OFF HIS BODY! HE'S INVULNERABLE, LIKE SUPERMAN!
FOOLS! DON'T YOU KNOW YOUR WEAPONS CAN'T HARM ME?
AS LOIS' PROTECTOR ADVANCES...
THIS IS INCREDIBLE! THE THIEVES' SWORDS ONLY CRUMBLE AGAINST HIS FLESH!
BY THE GODS, WE ARE UNDONE! THIS WARRIOR IS ACHILLES! WE CAN'T BEAT HIM!
AYE! YOU'LL SOON HAVE PROOF OF THAT!
ISN'T ACHILLES WONDERFUL? NO WONDER EVERY GIRL IN GREECE ADORES HIM, AS I DO! HE'S ALWAYS FIGHTING EVIL AND INJUSTICE!
Y-YOU MEAN, THAT'S REALLY ACHILLES, THE LEGENDARY HERO?
CRACK
SOCK
POW
"AYE! LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT HIM! WHEN ACHILLES WAS AN INFANT, HIS MOTHER DIPPED HIM IN THE MAGIC RIVER STYX IN THE HOPE THAT THIS WOULD MAKE HIM INVULNERABLE!"
THE GREAT ORACLE AT DELPHI SAID THESE WATERS WOULD MAKE YOU IMMORTAL, MY SWEET SON! LET US HOPE THE PROPHECY WILL COME TRUE!
"THE PREDICTION DID COME TO PASS... AS ACHILLES FOUND OUT WHEN HE GREW UP AND WENT TO WAR!"
LOOK! ACHILLES HAS BEEN DEALT A DOZEN DEATH BLOWS, YET THERE IS NOT A MARK ON HIM! INDEED, THE ENEMIES' WEAPONS BREAK AS THEY STRIKE HIM!
AIEEE! THIS YOUTH IS FAVORED BY THE GODS! RETREAT, FOR NOTHING ON EARTH CAN HURT HIM!
"BUT THIS WAS NOT QUITE TRUE! FOR ONE DAY, WHEN A VOLCANO EXPLODED ON ONE OF THE GREEK ISLES ACHILLES WAS VISITING, AND THE RED-HOT LAVA POURED DOWN THE SLOPE... "
YEOOWW! M-MY HEEL BURNS LIKE FIRE! THEN I AM NOT COMPLETELY IMMORTAL! MY HEEL IS VULNERABLE BECAUSE MY MOTHER MUST'VE HELD ME BY THE HEEL WHEN SHE IMMERSED ME IN THE RIVER STYX, AND THE MAGIC WATERS DID NOT WET THIS ONE PART OF MY BODY!
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HMM...SO ACHILLES NOT ONLY LOOKS LIKE SUPERMAN, BUT HE HAS ONE VULNERABILITY WHICH IS AS DEADLY TO HIM AS KRYPTONITE IS TO SUPERMAN...HIS HEEL!
NOBLE ACHILLES! MY NAME IS... ER...LISO, AND I COME FROM FAR AWAY! HOW CAN I THANK YOU FOR SAVING MY LIFE?
DON'T THANK ME! THANK THIS GIRL, ILYA, WHO WARNED ME OF YOUR DANGER! AND NOW... FAREWELL!
YOU ARE LUCKY, LISO! I WISH ACHILLES HAD SMILED AT ME THE WAY HE DID AT YOU! BUT SINCE THE GODS DO NOT FAVOR ILYA OF ATHENS, I MUST BOW TO THEIR WILL!
LITTLE DOES ILYA KNOW I'M FROM THE FUTURE AND DON'T INTEND TO REMAIN HERE! I MUST SEARCH FOR CIRCE'S WAND AND USE IT TO TRANSPORT MYSELF BACK TO 1963!
I MUST GO NOW, TOO... BUT BEFORE I DO, ILYA, LET ME REPAY YOU FOR HELPING ME! TAKE THIS RING!
I WON'T HEAR OF IT! NOR WILL I LET YOU LEAVE TOWN, LISO! WITH THIS GEM WE'LL BUY A BEAUTIFUL VILLA AND STAY TOGETHER TILL WE EACH GET MARRIED!
GOSH, HOW CAN I EXPLAIN TO THIS "LANA LANG" OF ATHENS THAT I CAN'T STAY?
ER...I'D LIKE TO BECOME GOOD FRIENDS, TOO, BUT MY DESTINY DOES NOT LIE IN ATHENS!
DON'T BE TOO SURE ABOUT THAT! WHY DON'T YOU LET THE GREAT ORACLE IN YONDER TEMPLE TELL YOU YOUR TRUE FATE?
THAT EVENING, AS LOIS VISITS THE FABULOUS ORACLE...
O, WONDROUS ORACLE, WHO KNOWS THE DESTINY OF ALL MORTALS, PREDICT MY FATE!
AYE, VISITOR FROM THE FUTURE! FORGET THE MIGHTY HERO YOU KNEW BEFORE YOU CAME HERE! YOU ARE DESTINED TO REMAIN IN THIS TIME AND MARRY THE GREAT ACHILLES! I HAVE SPOKEN!
AS LOIS LEAVES...
IT'S UNCANNY! THE ORACLE KNEW I WAS FROM THE FUTURE, AND EVEN DESCRIBED SUPERMAN!...SIGH!...I MYSELF COULD'VE PREDICTED I'D NEVER GET TO MARRY SUPERMAN! WELL, IF I'M TO BE STUCK IN ATHENS FOREVER, I'D BETTER FOLLOW THE ORACLE'S PROPHECY AND GO AFTER ACHILLES! BUT HOW TO WIN HIS LOVE?
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PRESENTLY, AT LOIS' VILLA...
DON'T WORRY, LISO! I'LL THINK OF SOME WAY TO HELP YOU GET ACHILLES!
IT'S STRANGE! WHENEVER I'VE GONE INTO THE PAST AND FALLEN IN LOVE WITH A HERO THERE, I'VE ALWAYS MET A DOUBLE OF LANA LANG WHO TRIED TO GET RID OF ME! BUT NOW, FOR THE FIRST TIME, I'VE ENCOUNTERED A "LANA" WHO WANTS TO HELP ME GET MY MAN!

THE NEXT DAY, NEAR THE ACROPOLIS...
ILYA, IT'S ACHILLES! BUT WHERE IS HE GOING, AND WHY IS THE CROWD CHEERING?
ACHILLES HAS PROMISED THE PEOPLE THAT HE WILL SLAY A DREADED DRAGON WHO TERRORIZES ALL WHO APPROACH HIS LAIR ON A NEARBY MOUNTAIN-TOP!

SUDDENLY, MATERIALIZING OUT OF NOWHERE...
GASP! IT'S CIRCE, THE SORCERESS! IT'S SAID SHE'S MAD ABOUT ACHILLES, BUT HE KEEPS SPURNING HER LOVE!
WAIT, ACHILLES! DEATH AWAITS YOU ON THE MOUNTAIN-TOP AFTER YOU SLAY THE DRAGON! ONLY I CAN SAVE YOU!

HEED THE PLEA OF A WOMAN WHO LOVES YOU! YOUR ONE VULNERABLE SPOT IS YOUR HEEL! MARRY ME AND I'LL MAKE YOU COMPLETELY INVULNERABLE!
NAY, CIRCE! I DESPISE YOU AND WANT NONE OF YOUR BLACK MAGIC! AS FOR MY HEEL, THESE THICK BOOTS WILL PROTECT ME FROM ANY INJURY! NOW QUIT MY SIGHT, EVIL ONE!

AFTER FURIOUS CIRCE VANISHES...
COME, LISO! I HEAR THERE'S A MIRROR POOL BELOW WHICH REFLECTS EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENS ON TOP! WE CAN SEE HOW ACHILLES FARES WITH THE DRAGON AND WHETHER CIRCE WAS RIGHT IN HER PROPHECY OF DOOM FOR ACHILLES!
OH, ILYA, LET US HOPE SHE WAS ONLY TRYING TO FRIGHTEN HIM INTO MARRYING HER!

BUT PRESENTLY, AS ACHILLES CLIMBS THE PEAK AND CONFRONTS THE DRAGON...
GROWRR
BY APOLLO! I-I DID NOT EXPECT A FIRE-BREATHING DRAGON! ITS FLAMES ARE BURNING EVERYTHING OFF MY BODY EXCEPT MY ARMOR!

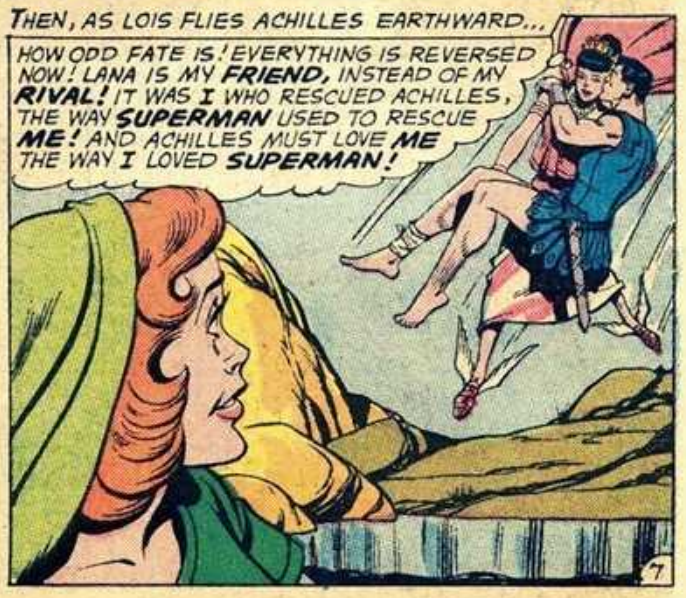
SOON, AS THE SHOCKED GIRLS GAZE INTO THE MIRROR POOL...
ILYA, HE'S SLAIN THE DRAGON, BUT NOW HIS BODY IS BARE EXCEPT FOR HIS ARMOR...AND A POISONOUS GREEN SNAKE IS ABOUT TO STRIKE AT HIS VULNERABLE HEEL!
THEN CIRCE SPOKE THE TRUTH! DOOM WILL BEFALL ACHILLES!

SECONDS AFTER...
GASP!
WHAT A TERRIBLE COINCIDENCE! SUPERMAN CAN BE SLAIN ONLY BY GREEN KRYPTONITE, AND NOW ACHILLES IS DYING BECAUSE A GREEN SNAKE BIT HIS HEEL!
QUICK, LISO! TAKE THIS PAIR OF MERCURY'S SANDALS! THEY'RE A FAMILY HEIRLOOM! DON THEM AND FLY TO ACHILLES' RESCUE! IF YOU SAVE HIM, HE MAY ASK YOU TO MARRY HIM!

AS A WILD IDEA STRIKES LOIS AND SHE USES THE SANDALS...
IF I CAN REACH ACHILLES IN TIME... BEFORE THE SNAKE VENOM REACHES HIS BLOODSTREAM, I CAN SAVE HIS LIFE...WITH A TOURNIQUET!
LISO!...GASP!...
I KNOW NOT HOW YOU CAN FLY UP HERE! BUT IT IS USELESS! GROAN! AS CIRCE PREDICTED, I'M DYING, AND NO ONE CAN SAVE ME!

MOMENTS LATER...
WHERE I COME FROM, THIS IS HOW WE PREVENT DEATH FROM SNAKE-BITE! NOW DO AS I SAY! PICK UP A RED-HOT ROCK AND PRESS IT TIGHTLY AGAINST THE FANG-WOUNDS!
VERY WELL... GASP!...
THAT WILL CAUTERIZE THE WOUND!

SOON...
BY THE GODS! YOUR TREATMENT WORKS LIKE MAGIC! I FEEL STRONG AGAIN! OH, LISO...YOU'RE WONDERFUL! PLEASE MARRY ME!
TRY TO STOP ME, DARLING!
IT'S AMAZING! I'VE WON ACHILLES' HEART...AND WHOM DO I THANK FOR IT? THE "LANA LANG" OF 500 B.C.!


THEN, AS LOIS FLIES ACHILLES EARTHWARD...
HOW ODD FATE IS! EVERYTHING IS REVERSED NOW! LANA IS MY FRIEND, INSTEAD OF MY RIVAL! IT WAS I WHO RESCUED ACHILLES, THE WAY SUPERMAN USED TO RESCUE ME! AND ACHILLES MUST LOVE ME THE WAY I LOVED SUPERMAN!

BUT JUST AS LOIS LANDS AND GIVES ILYA THE SANDALS...
SO ACHILLES ASKED YOU TO MARRY HIM, EH? WELL, IF I CAN'T WIN HIM, NEITHER SHALL YOU!
GASP!... CIRCE!
OHH... I'M STARTING TO SPIN DIZZILY... AS IF I WERE FLYING THROUGH SPACE! OHHHHHH--

SHORTLY, AS LOIS COMES TO...
THE EXHIBITION HALL! I-I'M BACK IN THE PRESENT AGAIN, THANKS TO CIRCE'S SORCERY! AND THE WAND I WAVED... IT'S HERE ON THE FLOOR!
OH, LANA... IT'S SO GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN!
I HEARD SCREAMS FROM THIS ROOM, SO I CHECKED...

WELL, I WENT INTO THE PAST AGAIN... TO ANCIENT GREECE! AND AS USUAL, I MET SOMEONE LIKE YOU, EXCEPT THIS TIME, INSTEAD OF TRYING TO RUIN MY ROMANTIC HOPES, SHE HELPED ME GET MY MAN! ISN'T THAT A TWIST?
IT SURE IS!
THAT'S WHAT SHE THINKS!

THEN, AS LOIS LEAVES...
POOR LOIS! SHE DOESN'T DREAM THAT I WAS "ILYA"! SHE DOESN'T KNOW I FOLLOWED HER INTO THIS ROOM, AND WHEN I SAW HER WAVE CIRCE'S WAND AND DISAPPEAR, I FOLLOWED HER INTO THE PAST BY FLYING WITH MERCURY'S WINGED SANDALS, THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER!

"WHEN I SAW THAT ACHILLES LOOKED LIKE SUPERMAN, I SCHEMED TO HELP HER MARRY ACHILLES AND REMAIN IN ATHENS WHILE I'D RETURN TO METROPOLIS AND HAVE SUPERMAN ALL TO MYSELF! THAT'S WHY I HELPED HER! TO GET RID OF HER... IN A NICE WAY, OF COURSE! I EVEN BECAME AN "ORACLE" FOR A NIGHT..."
AYE, VISITOR FROM THE FUTURE! FORGET THE MIGHTY HERO...
I MUST CONVINCE LOIS TO STAY HERE WITH ACHILLES!

BUT THAT CAT, CIRCE, SPOILED MY PLANS! SO I RETURNED TO 1963 WITH THESE MAGIC SANDALS, WHICH ARE NOW USELESS BECAUSE AIR-FRICTION BURNED THE WINGS! AND LOIS THINKS "ILYA" TRIED TO HELP HER! WHAT A LAUGH! BUT IT'S ON ME, TOO, DARN IT, FOR NOW I MUST CONTINUE BATTLING HER FOR SUPERMAN'S LOVE!
MERCURY'S MAGIC SANDALS
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NEXT DAY, AT THE PLANET...
AND, CLARK, ANOTHER DIFFERENT THING HAPPENED ON THIS TIME-TRIP! I DIDN'T RUN INTO THE USUAL "L.L." SYMBOL!
DIDN'T YOU? LOOK AT THE SPELLING OF THIS NAME!
GROAN! I GIVE UP!
ACHILLES
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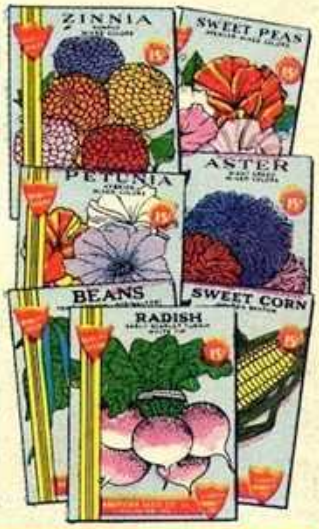

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